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Applicant(s): Hideaki Watanabe et al.

Invention: PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006 and received in the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.